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## SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum includes the potential County impact from State payment deferrals, actions taken by the Budget Conference Committee, the status of County-advocacy on two bills, and a roster containing the status of all bills with a County-advocacy position.

### State Budget

#### Potential Impact from State Payment Deferrals

On May 29, 2009, State Controller John Chiang sent a letter to the Governor and the Legislature warning them that the State will have a cash deficit of \$1.02 billion by July 31, 2009, and may not be able to meet its financial obligations, absent prompt action to address the State's cash flow crisis. According to the State Controller, the cash shortfall is estimated to be over \$22 billion by April 2010. He indicated that the Legislature must act no later than June 15, 2009 to allow his office sufficient time to sell Revenue Anticipation Warrants and get cash into the Treasury for the State to be able to make payments at the beginning of FY 2009-10.

Last Friday, the Department of Finance (DOF) released a plan to be presented before the Budget Conference Committee to address the State's cash flow needs. The DOF plan has not been presented to the Committee and it is unclear when it will be heard. Of interest to the County, the plan contains proposals to defer payments to counties for mental health services for 11 months and Proposition 42 local streets and road funds for up to seven months. The proposed deferrals would affect:

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- **Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63) Funds.** The Department of Finance proposes to defer \$300 million in Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) payments to counties for a period of 11 months, from July 2009 through June 2010. It is unclear if the State intends to repay these funds with interest.

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) notes that this proposal would result in the withholding of about 25 percent of the MHSA funds Statewide. **If this proposal is enacted, an estimated \$86 million in MHSA payments for DMH will be deferred.** If the State does not repay the funds with interest, it is estimated that the 11 month deferral would result in a loss of interest to the County between \$768,000 and \$948,000, depending upon the actual interest rates for that period.

- **Proposition 42 Local Streets and Road Funds.** The Department of Finance proposes to defer two quarterly payments to counties of Proposition 42 funds to be repaid in May 2010. **According to the Department of Public Works (DPW), the impact to the Department is approximately \$27 million.**

The Department indicates that they can manage this deferral until May 2010 without any impacts to the level of service they provide only if the State:

- 1) allocates the final \$85 million to the County of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006 (Proposition 1B) funds;
- 2) makes the funding of this allocation one of its top priorities for future bond sales; and
- 3) specifically allows through legislation the use of Proposition 1B funds for cash flow purposes for ongoing road operations and maintenance.

Based on our review of the limited information available, **these proposals will result in payment deferrals to the County of approximately \$113 million in FY 2009-10.**

### **Budget Conference Committee Actions**

Over the last three days, the Budget Conference Committee discussed a number of health, public health, mental health and social services issues, which were proposed in the Governor's May Revisions and by the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO). The most important action thus far was the rejection of the proposal to eliminate the CalWORKs Cash Assistance and Single Allocation programs. Listed below are the items which are of importance to the County.

## Social Services

**Elimination of CalWORKs Cash Assistance and Single Allocation.** The May Revision proposes to eliminate the CalWORKs Cash Assistance and the Single Allocation for an estimated State General Fund savings of \$1.3 billion in FY 2009-10 and \$1.8 billion in FY 2010-11. **The Conference Committee rejected the proposal on a vote of 6 to 1, with one abstention, and instructed staff to seek alternative reductions to the program.** The Department of Finance noted that this action would significantly impact the Budget. On June 2, 2009, this office reported that if the Governor's May Revision proposal was enacted, and if 50 percent of the families terminated from cash assistance apply for, and are determined eligible for the County's General Relief Program, there would be an increase in net County cost of \$417 million. Also, we previously advised that the elimination of the CalWORKs Single Allocation would have resulted in an estimated County loss of \$585.2 million. **This Conference Committee action mitigates these potential impacts to the County.**

## Health

**Federal Medi-Cal Flexibility and Stabilization Waiver.** The May Revision proposes to seek a \$1 billion waiver from the Federal government to implement additional eligibility reductions to better manage the growth in the Medi-Cal program, without jeopardizing funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). Many of the conferees criticized the proposal because it lacks detail from the Administration, and they questioned whether the savings are achievable because changes to the Medi-Cal program take at least three months to implement. DOF said it continues to work with the Federal government on a variety of strategies, and believes the savings can be achieved. **The issue was held open.**

**Healthy Families Program.** The May Revision proposes to eliminate the Healthy Families Program (HFP). Committee members expressed concern that if this insurance program for low-income families was eliminated, children would no longer have access to quality health care, and would instead be forced to seek care in hospital emergency rooms. The LAO recommended an increase in premiums as an alternative to reduce program costs. **The issue was left open.**

**Adult Day Health Centers (ADHC).** The May Revision proposes to eliminate ADHC services from the Medi-Cal program for a savings of \$170.5 million. The LAO cautioned the conferees about adopting this proposal because if 20 percent of the ADHC population is shifted to nursing homes, the projected savings would be eliminated. **This issue was left open** because members want to know the long-term effects of the proposal prior to taking action. There is no impact to the County.

**Medi-Cal Eligibility for Legal Immigrants.** The May Revision proposes to limit Medi-Cal benefits for newly qualified immigrants who have been in the United States for less than five years and for immigrants who permanently reside under the color of law. The LAO indicated the projected savings of \$125.5 million is achievable and would not jeopardize ARRA funding. Committee members were concerned that the proposal would force this population, which is often frail and elderly, into already overcrowded emergency rooms rather than providing them with services in a more cost-effective outpatient setting. The California Department of Health Care Services noted that emergency services would be partially reimbursed by the Federal government, and assumes receipt of over \$67 million. **The issue was left open.**

## Public Health

**Immunization Assistance Program (IAP).** The Conference Committee **unanimously adopted an LAO proposal to eliminate \$18 million from the IAP on a one-time basis**, because California will be receiving \$23 million for immunizations from ARRA funds in 2009. The Department of Public Health is trying to determine potential County impact.

**Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH) Programs.** The Conference Committee agenda indicates that the May Revision proposes to eliminate \$16.8 million in MCAH programs. However, May Revision documents show a total reduction of \$20.4 million for FY 2009-10 and FY 2010-11. **The conferees left the issue open** and directed the LAO, DOF, and budget staff to work together to look at other funding sources, rather than the State's General Fund, which could be used to maintain these programs.

**Alzheimer's Research Centers.** The LAO recommended the elimination of \$6.2 million in State General Fund for these centers; however, the Conference Committee voted 8 to 2 to only reduce the funding by 50 percent, or \$3.1 million, along with budget bill language prohibiting the money to be used for research costs. There is no impact to the County.

**AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and HIV Prevention and Education.** The May Revision proposed a reduction of \$55.5 million for ADAP and other HIV/AIDS programs and a reduction of \$24.6 million for HIV Education and Prevention. Committee members expressed concerns about the impact these reductions would have on people living with HIV/AIDS, and if the May Revision proposals would put Federal Ryan White Care Act dollars for California at risk. **The Conference Committee left these issues open** and directed the LAO, DOF, and budget staff to work together to come up with a proposal that would maintain maintenance of effort levels, protect Federal funding, and maximize funds for AIDS drug rebates.

## Mental Health

**Mental Health Managed Care and Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Services (EPSDT).** The May Revision proposes to save the State General Fund \$92 million for Mental Health Managed Care and for the EPSDT program. **The Conference Committee unanimously approved these reductions.** DMH has noted that although the method for apportioning the Mental Health Managed Care reduction to counties is unclear, it would eliminate the professional services provided by fee-for-service psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and marriage and family therapists. **The loss to DMH could total \$21 million, and up to 14,000 indigent clients could lose mental health services.**

The Department also has indicated that the EPSDT reduction would eliminate funding for the development of Mental Health Services Act programs for children and transitional age youth. **The loss of EPSDT funding could total \$7 million, and the Department may be forced to consider capping these programs at their current levels of enrollment, and eventually reducing the program through attrition.**

**Caregiver Resource Centers Programs.** The May Revision proposes to eliminate all State General Fund support for these centers. The Conference Committee approved on a 6 to 4 vote a reduction of \$3.5 million, which would leave \$7 million for the centers for FY 2009-10. There is no impact to the County.

**Prior Year Cost Settlement Claims for EPSDT.** The May Revision proposes \$15.8 million in State General Funds to reimburse counties for prior year claims. The Conference Committee voted on a 6 to 4 vote to defer payment of the claims until FY 2010-11. We will work with the appropriate departments to determine potential County impact.

**Defer \$52 million in AB 3632 Mandate to Counties.** The May Revision proposes to defer 50 percent of the State's payment to counties for AB 3632 claims. The LAO stated that approval of the May Revision would underfund the mandate to counties by \$108 million, and without suspending the mandate, counties could file a lawsuit against the State and no longer be required to carry out the mandate. Senator Dutton proposed to suspend the mandate on counties, which would return the program to schools, but that motion failed. **The Conference Committee approved the \$52 million deferral to counties by a 6 to 4 vote.** DMH indicates that this proposal would delay approximately \$12.4 million in reimbursements due to the County.

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### **Status of County-Advocacy Legislation**

**County-supported and amend AB 410 (De La Torre)** which, as amended March 23, 2009, would provide that \$5 million from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 be made available to the Department of Water Resources for allocation to specified regions for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board, passed the Assembly Floor on June 1, 2009 by a vote of 75 to 3, and now proceeds to the Senate.

**County-supported SB 113 (Senate Local Government Committee)**, which is an omnibus bill that would make a number of minor, non-controversial changes to laws affecting the powers and duties of local agencies which have been proposed by local officials, was amended on June 3, 2009. Each item in the omnibus bill is extensively vetted and, if there is an objection, the item is removed from the legislation.

The amendments include the following two County-supported provisions: 1) minor revisions to the Public Contract Code to align the requirements for County Waterworks Districts to contract for non-construction related work with the contracting requirements for County government to perform similar work; and 2) minor revisions to the Water Code, which would allow County Waterworks Districts to advance water reliability projects and water system facility construction. SB 113 also contains one County-sponsored item, the Alhambra Unified School District – School Facilities Improvement District, as reported in the April 10, 2009 Sacramento Update, which would authorize a county board of supervisors to form a School Facilities Improvement District in an individual school district. This measure is set for a hearing on July 1, 2009 in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

### **Master Bill List**

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County-advocacy position is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY  
2009-10 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

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These are bills we are pursuing in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 12	Beall, Bass	Support in concept (Board Action: 3/17/09)	Would allow California to implement the State option to use Federal Title IV-E funds to extend foster care and Kin-GAP services to youth up to 21 years of age as provided under H.R. 6893, the Federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 23	Jones	No Position (State Update: 3/31/09)	NOW: Was amended on March 19, 2009, to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now proposes to require health plans, employers, and insurers to notify beneficiaries that H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, enhanced the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) to provide Federal funds to pay 65 percent of the COBRA premium for eligible persons enrolled in a group health insurance plan who lose their job between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. Under current law, COBRA-eligible employees must pay the full amount of the premium to retain enrollment in a health care plan offered by a former employer.	Chapter 3 of 2009
AB 87	Davis	Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law, which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 128	Coto	Opposed (State Update: 2/20/09)	Would extend the period after termination of employment that a retired public safety officer could file a workers' compensation claim for cancer and be entitled to a legal presumption that the cancer is job related. The presumption, which is currently three months for each year of service, would be extended to one year for each year of service. Existing law caps the presumption period at five years; AB 128 would remove this cap.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 139	Brownley	County-sponsored	Would authorize the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to implement storm water fees upon voter approval, consistent with the requirements of Proposition 218 of 2006, to fund clean water programs.	Assembly Local Government
AB 215	Feuer, Smyth	Support (Board Action: 2/17/09)	Would require a long-term health care facility to post the overall facility rating information determined by the Federal Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, including the number of stars assigned to the facility out of a possible five stars. The overall Five Star Quality Rating is comprised of scores for health inspections, staffing, and how well the facility is caring for the physical and clinical needs of residents. The information would be required to be posted in an area accessible and visible to members of the public; the employee break room; and in common areas used by residents for dining, resident council meetings, or other activities.	Senate Desk
AB 221	Portantino	Support (State Update: 5/1/09)	Would permit an HIV counselor to perform skin punctures for the purpose of drawing blood for HIV testing, when authorized by a licensed physician, if the counselor: 1) works under the direction of a licensed physician; and 2) has been trained in accordance with the requirements established by SDPH by a licensed physician, clinical laboratory scientist, or bioanalyst. AB 221 would exempt an HIV counselor from the requirement that an unlicensed person performing skin punctures must be a certified Limited Phlebotomy Technician (LPT)	Senate Health
AB 286	Salas, Jones	Support (State Update: 4/21/09)	Would extend until 2018 the authority for counties to impose an additional \$1.00 vehicle registration fee to be used for anti-vehicle theft programs. It also would add additional reporting requirements for those counties that adopt a resolution to impose the fee. Counties would be required to provide details of expenditures, including salaries and expenses, purchase of equipment and supplies, and any other expenditures to support the program.	Assembly Floor

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AB 311	Ma	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would extend the current assessment methodology for the valuation of certificated aircraft for property tax purposes from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2015. The current methodology was established by AB 964 of 2005 (Chapter 699). AB 964 codified an agreement between county assessors and the airline industry on the valuation of certificated aircraft. It established the Centralized Fleet Calculation Program, which ensured a uniform Statewide assessment of certificated aircraft by designating a lead county to calculate an airline's fleet value based on an agreed upon methodology.	Senate Desk
AB 383	Lieu	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would extend the statute of limitations for the testing of biological evidence in sex crime cases from two years to five years from the date of the offense.	Senate Desk
AB 410	De La Torre	Support and appropriate a minimum of \$20 million Statewide for the salt and nutrient management plans. (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) allocate \$5 million of the \$100 million available for multi-regional water needs from the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 to the State Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the preparation of salt and nutrient management plans consistent with the recycled water policy of the State Water Resources Control Board; 2) set a Statewide goal to recycle a total of 1.3 million acre-feet of water annually by the year 2020, and 2 million acre-feet of water per year by 2030; and 3) require DWR to assess progress toward meeting the recycled water goal every five years based on information provided in urban water management plans.	Senate Desk
AB 421	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/7/09)	Would make California law consistent with Federal law to allow counties to place children served by the AB 3632 Program in out-of-state group homes that are operated as for-profit entities and receive payment for these placements.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 521	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize a public utility to lease real property, acquired to obtain a utility right-of-way, to a governmental entity to maintain a public park, with the public utility retaining a right-of-way easement.	Senate Energy and Utilities
AB 613	Beall	Support (State Update: 4/23/09)	Would improve and streamline the Treatment Authorization Request process, which refers to the approval by a State Department of Health Care Services consultant required prior to the rendering of Medi-Cal Program services, based on a determination of medical necessity and Medi-Cal Program coverage.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 664	Skinner	Oppose (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would expand the presumption of job-related injury to cover all hospital employees for blood-borne infectious disease, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus and all neck and back injuries. This presumption would exist if the impairment develops or manifests itself during the period of employment with the hospital.	Senate Desk Assembly Appropriations
AB 682	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would instruct the State Department of Health Care Services to dedicate an unspecified number of State staff to evaluate State and County implementation of In-Home Supportive Services Program quality assurance and fraud mitigation requirements in existing law, as well as to assess the extent and nature of the fraud currently detected.	Senate Desk
AB 719	B. Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would require the California Department of Social Services to create the Transitional Food Stamps for Foster Youth Program by July 1, 2010. Under AB 719, foster youth who are not eligible for CalWORKS or Supplemental Security Income would be automatically eligible to a 12-month Transitional Food Stamp benefits when they leave foster care. These youth would be exempt from any quarterly or semi-annual reporting requirements and from the fingerprint requirement during the 12-month Transitional Food Stamp certification period. The Department of Public Social Services would be responsible for administering the program.	Senate Desk
AB 853	Arambla	Oppose (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would eliminate local control over the annexation process for unincorporated fringe or island communities by requiring a board of supervisors to petition the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to approve the annexation of a fringe or island community to a city, and require LAFCO to approve the annexation if certain requirements are met.	Senate Desk
AB 923	Swanson	Support (State Update: 5/21/09)	Would add Board of Equalization members, zoo veterinarians, employees of certain animal control shelters, and local government code enforcement officers to the list of peace officers and other public officials who may request the Department of Motor Vehicles to provide enhanced confidentiality to their home addresses. The bill defines a code enforcement officer as a local official responsible for enforcing housing codes and maintaining public safety in buildings, and a public health officer as one with the authority to arrest persons for violation of a statute or ordinance.	Assembly Appropriations

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AB 1048	Torrico	Oppose (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would: 1) raise the age at which a minor child can be surrendered from 72 hours or younger, to 30 days; 2) allow a local fire agency to designate safe surrender sites with the approval of the local governing body of the agency; 3) specify that persons at a safe surrender site have no liability prior to taking physical custody of a child; 4) require the California Department of Social Services to convene a workgroup to develop and disseminate regulations to clarify rules with respect to a mother who gives up her baby in a hospital, the definition of a safely surrendered baby, and parental information provided to, and received by counties; and 5) fund activities required by AB 1048 using State Children's Trust Fund and California Children and Families Proposition 10 Commission Funds.	Senate Desk
AB 1139	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/24/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding the State Enterprise Zone Program, including: 1) eliminating retroactive tax credit vouchering; 2) canceling the use of the Targeted Employment Area and Targeted Tax Area residency as an employee eligibility criteria; 3) requiring the eligible employee to work a minimum of 35 hours per week and be provided with at least 80 percent of specified health care coverage by the employer; and 4) adding annual reporting requirements for Enterprise Zone businesses.	Assembly Jobs, Economic Development and the Economy
AB 1141	Calderon	Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	Would make various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2017; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) redefining reusable bags to include lighter weight plastic carryout bags; and 4) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay a single-use bag extended producer responsibility fee, in an undetermined amount, for each single-use carryout bag it sells to a store.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1187	Huffman, Caballero	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$10.035 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs, and require the establishment and imposition of a fee on water users.	Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife

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AB 1409	J. Pérez	Oppose (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would revise the provision in existing law, which authorizes work on county highways to be done by purchasing the material and having the work done by force account (county employees) or by day labor, to require a county to solicit bids for the project. If a board of supervisors passes a resolution with a finding that either no bids were received or all of the bids exceeded the cost of having the work performed by force account or day labor, then a county may use its employees or day labor.	Assembly Floor
AB 1445	Chesbro	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would authorize Medi-Cal reimbursement for a maximum of two visits for one patient on the same day. It would ensure payment for individuals who visit a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) or a Rural Health Clinic (RHC), and are referred for an appointment with a clinical psychologist, licensed clinical social worker, dentist or dental hygienist. FQHCs and RHCs are providers in medically underserved areas entitled to receive enhanced reimbursements under Federal Medicaid and Medicare statutes.	Senate Desk
AJR 9	J. Pérez	Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	Would urge the Congress and President of the United States to enact legislation that would provide for a three-year extension of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006, from its current sunset on September 30, 2009 to September 30, 2012.	Senate Desk
SB 16	Alan Lowenthal	Support (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would: 1) make the State's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) refundable for low-income housing projects that have received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC on or after July 1, 2008 and before January 1, 2011; and 2) extend the allocation of tax credits to partners regardless of their percentage interest in a project which received a preliminary allocation of LIHTC during calendar year 2008.	Senate Appropriations
SB 23	Padilla	Support (Board Action: 3/24/09)	Would require the operator of a mobile home park or manufactured housing community to develop and implement an emergency and fire safety plan, and provide appropriate emergency services training for park or community managers and on-site staff. The bill also would require the plan to be posted in manner accessible to all residents and to distribute copies to each resident upon approval of tenancy and annually thereafter.	Assembly Desk

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SB 29	Denham	Oppose (State Update: 2/27/09)	Would: 1) require the California Science Center to sell the parcel of land that the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum and the Los Angeles Memorial Sports Arena (Sports Arena) occupy, and the State's share of the Sports Arena structure; 2) rescind the agreement that established the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission; and 3) upon the completion of the sale, terminate the Joint Powers Authority among the County, City of Los Angeles, and the California Science Center.	Senate Governmental Organization
SB 93	Kehoe	No Position (State Update: 5/21/09)	NOW: requires that a CRA determine that for proposed activity within a project area, the public facility or land acquisition is of benefit to the project area and that it will help to eliminate blight. For projects outside a project area, the CRA must find the land or public facilities are of primary benefit to the project area, help to eliminate blight, or directly assist in the provision of housing for low or moderate-income housing. Because SB 93 would no longer strengthen the blight findings requirement to prevent development abuse, support was removed and no position is taken.	Assembly Desk
		Support (State Update: 3/16/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that before a redevelopment agency can pay for public works either inside or outside a project area, the agency's legislative body must make new findings of blight in a project area to spend money on a public facility inside the project area and certify that the public facility would remove blight. SB 93 would strengthen the provisions of current redevelopment law by adding further restrictions to the manner in which a redevelopment agency can spend diverted taxes.	
SB 113	Senate Local Gov Omnibus	One County-sponsored provision included (State Update: 4/10/09)	SB 113 is the Senate Local Government Omnibus Bill, which contains one provision supported by the County. The provision would authorize a county board of supervisors to form a School Facilities Improvement District in an individual school district.	Assembly Local Government
SB 114	Liu	Support (State Update: 3/27/09)	Would create a simplified process to allow former foster youth to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility until age 21.	Senate Appropriations
SB 152	Cox	Support (State Update: 4/30/09)	Would require the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) to send a reimbursement claim to the State Controller's Office within 90 days after the receipt of a reimbursement claim from any fee-for-service county contractor for mental health services provided to Medi-Cal beneficiaries. The 90-day timeframe would not apply to claims in the SDMH's dispute resolution process or to claims that have been returned for additional information or necessary changes.	Assembly Health

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SB 179	Runner	County-sponsored	NOW: Was amended to delete language which would allow the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order.	Assembly Judiciary
			PREVIOUSLY: Would streamline the appeals process for Termination of Parental Rights and promote the placement of children in adoptive homes by: 1) reducing the time period for a birth parent to file an appeal from 60 days to 30 days when the Juvenile Court orders the Termination of Parental Rights; 2) modifying the current process of serving the Termination of Parental Rights to birth parents by allowing the notice of termination and appeal rights documents to be served directly to the birth parents if they are present in court when the order is made; and 3) allowing the Termination of Parental Rights order to automatically take effect 180 days after the order is issued.	
SB 282	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the five-year limitation on criminal gang injunctions (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would authorize a gang nuisance injunction issued under the Penal or Civil Code to be in effect for no longer than five years	Assembly Public Safety
SB 301	Florez	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Water Supply Reliability and Ecosystem Recovery Restoration Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$15 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and ecosystem recovery and restoration programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 337	Alquist	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 22, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions. The bill now relates to the reporting requirements by a clinic, health facility, home health agency, or licensed hospice provider when law enforcement is investigating unlawful access to medical records.	Assembly Desk
		Support (State Update: 3/6/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed current State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children and reinstitute 12-month continuous Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age. This change is necessary to ensure that the State qualifies to receive the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. AB 23, SBX3 26, and SB 337 have been introduced as potential vehicles to repeal the semi-annual reporting requirement in order for the State to be eligible to receive additional FMAP funding.	

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SB 371	Cogdill	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2009, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.98 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 456	Wolk	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.805 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance specified water supply reliability and water source protection programs.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 531	DeSaulnier	No Position (State Update: 4/24/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete existing objectionable provisions of the bill and instead provide guidance to plastic bag manufacturers on the development of educational materials for plastic carryout bags.	Assembly Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 3/31/09)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have made various changes to existing law regarding single-use carryout bags, including: 1) extending the sunset date, which prohibits local governments from imposing a fee on paper and plastic carryout bags from 2013 to 2018; 2) prohibiting local governments from banning or restricting plastic and paper carryout bags; 3) requiring plastic bag manufacturers to pay the State one-tenth of one cent (\$0.001) for each plastic carryout bag supplied to large supermarkets with a minimum annual gross of \$2 million and retail stores with a minimum of 10,000 square feet with a pharmacy; and 4) requiring the fees collected to be used for litter abatement activities.	
SB 696	Wright	Oppose unless amended to remove the broad and categorical California Environmental Quality Act exemption for the Southern California Air Quality Management District. (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would: 1) overturn the Natural Resources Defense Council v. South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) court decision; 2) exempt three SCAQMD rules from CEQA, if specified conditions are met; and 3) require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to perform a needs assessment for a thermal power plant proposed to be located in the SCAQMD.	Senate Energy Utilities and Communications

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SB 698	Negrete McLeod	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would change the allocation formula for juvenile court schools from the Average Daily Attendance to an enrollment-based model. Under the proposed daily enrollment model, the funding allocation would be based on a daily count of wards of the court in placement at a facility with a juvenile court school.	Senate Appropriations
SB 712	Padilla	Support (State Update: 5/22/09)	Would designate the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHSA) as the lead agency responsible for overseeing a Statewide 211 service network. Designation of a lead agency would make California eligible to receive Federal funding to help develop the 211 system Statewide under pending Federal legislation. SB 712 also authorizes CHHSA to delegate the lead agency function to another entity, which may be non-governmental.	Senate Appropriations
SB 735	Steinberg	Support and amend to make more funds available for project implementation and construction and increase the funding available to the Los Angeles County region. (State Update: 4/10/09)	Would enact the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010, which would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$9.785 billion, subject to voter approval, to finance a water supply reliability and water source protection program and authorize the Department of Water Resources to impose fees on water users.	Senate Natural Resources and Water
SB 773	Florez, Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 5/13/09)	Would increase the permanent partial disability benefits for workers injured on or after January 1, 2010, by revising the formula for computing payments for those permanently injured.	Senate Appropriations
SB 797	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 4/21/09)	Would prohibit the commercial manufacture, sale, or distribution of any bottle or cup, or any liquid, food, or beverage in a can or jar, containing Bisphenol-A at a level above 0.1 parts per billion, of the product is intended primarily for children three years of age or younger.	Assembly Desk
SB 815	Cogdill	Support (Board Action: 5/12/09)	Would establish the California National Guard Education Assistance Program, for qualifying members who have served for at least two years.	Senate Floor

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SB 816	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 4/16/09)	Would: 1) expand the list of State and local agencies to which an assessor is required to disclose information to include a county recorder when an investigation is being conducted to determine whether a documentary transfer tax is due; 2) allow a county board of supervisors to include an administrative appeals process for resolution of disputes related to the documentary transfer tax in an ordinance imposing such a tax; 3) require corporations or other legal entities to file a change in ownership statement within 45 days from the earlier of the date of the change in ownership or the date of a written request by the State Board of Equalization, or be faced with a penalty; and 4) eliminate the State Board of Equalization's existing authority to waive penalties.	Assembly Revenue and Taxation
SBX3 24	Alquist	Support (State Update: 3/18/09)	Would suspend existing State law which requires semi-annual reporting to maintain Medi-Cal eligibility for children under 19 years of age and temporarily reinstate 12-month continuous eligibility. This change is necessary to ensure that the State receives funding from the temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP) pursuant to the recently enacted H.R. 1, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The FMAP increase is available until December 31, 2010. The suspension of the semi-annual reporting requirement would remain in effect until the Director of the California Department of Health Care Services declares that increased FMAP funds are no longer available. Upon the declaration, semi-annual reporting would resume until July 1, 2012, and the current sunset date to repeal this requirement would be extended from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013, unless a later statute is enacted to delete or extend that date.	Chapter 24 of 2009
SBX3 26	Alquist	No Position 5/11/09	(State Update: 5/11/09)	NOW: Was amended on April 16, 2009 to delete the Medi-Cal provisions.  Senate Rules